## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-19 have been allowed (confirmation number 2185)

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 3, 4 and 6-19 are previously presented.

The Applicant wish to thank the Examiner for his extensive amendments mailed on February 24, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendment to claim 1 even though after allowance. The amendment is presented to clarify, does not change the scope of claim nor require an additional search. All other claims 3, 4 and 6-19 consolidate all previous versions of pending claims including the latest examiner amendments mailed on February 24, 2004. No new matter is added.

It is respectfully submitted that all the claims submitted for reconsideration are in good formal order.

In the event the examiner has further questions, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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